(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) On the basis of the investigations, the C.B.I. have decided to prosecute the guilty officer and the representative of the firm in the competent court.

**Scheme for Compulsory Military Training**

1280. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to start a scheme of compulsory military training for eligible youths in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Introduction of compulsory Military Training would not be in keeping with the democratic ethos of our country. Moreover, the benefits accruing therefrom are not likely to be commensurate with the very large expenditure involved.

**Theft of Radio Active Pencil from BARC**

1281. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 16th September, 1987, to the effect that radioactive pencil has been stolen from Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Bombay.

(b) if so. whether any inquiry has since been conducted; and

(c) what has been the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. Theft of radioactive pencil took place from Behala Industries Complex, Calcutta and not from BARC, Bombay.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) After investigations, the pencil was recovered from a nearby pond on the morning of 16-9-1987 and is presently in safe custody. The lead pot used for storing the pencil was recovered from a scrap dealer.

**Cost Escalation of Narmada Sagar Project**

1282. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Narmada Sagar Project has escalated to Rs. 2,400 crores as against the initial estimates of Rs. 1,400 crores;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to appoint a high power committee to inquire into the high increase in the cost of construction of the Dam and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS NIRDHA) : (a) The Government of Madhya Pradesh have not submitted any revised estimate of the Narmada Sagar Project.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Scrapping of manufacturing plan of Dornier Aircraft**

1283. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appared in the Hindustan Times dated the 15th September, 1987 to the effect that the Plan to manufacture Dornier, a light Transport aircraft at the Kanpur Unit of Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. is likely to be scrapped midway;